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Docket No.: 1341.1025/MS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: :
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Tadashi OHASHI : :
: : Group Art Unit: 2176
Serial No. 09/222,833 : :
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Filed: December 30, 1998 : : Examiner: Huynh, C.
For: AN APPARATUS MANAGING DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION (AS AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on November 3, 2001. A petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to December 3, 2001. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by December 3, 2001.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **REPLACE** claims 1, 2, 3, 7 and 9 as follows.

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1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A document management apparatus managing electronic documents used/produced when performing jobs by being connected to an information management device maintaining master attribute information for a plurality types of attribute information included in said documents through a communication network, the attribute information relating to the jobs, said apparatus comprising:
- a document storage section storing said documents;
 - a communication section acquiring information from a device connected to said communication network;

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